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one or more political subdivisions comprising or located within any county. Any such statute shall require an election to be held within the political subdivisions affected thereby with approval by a majority of the voters in each of these subdivisions, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may require."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide for consolidating governmental offices and functions and allowing political subdivisions to contract for performance of governmental functions in any county."

Adopted by the House on April 29, 1969: Yeas 138, Nays 3; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1969: Yeas 25, Nays 3.

Signed by the Governor June 18, 1969.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—COUNTIES— ROAD BONDS

H. J. R. No. 28

Proposing an amendment to Section 52, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, to authorize any county, on the vote of a majority of qualified property taxpaying electors, to issue road bonds in an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in the county.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 52, Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 52. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company.

"(b) Under Legislative provision, any county, any political subdivision of a county, any number of adjoining counties, or any political subdivision of the State, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include, towns, villages or municipal corporations, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to all other debts, may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory, except that the total bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, and levy and collect taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof,

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as the Legislature may authorize, and in such manner as it may authorize the same, for the following purposes to wit:

"(1) The improvement of rivers, creeks, and streams to prevent overflows, and to permit of navigation thereof, or irrigation thereof, or in aid of such purposes.

"(2) The construction and maintenance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways for the purposes of irrigation, drainage or navigation, or in aid thereof.

"(3) The construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

"(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (b) of this Section, bonds may be issued by any county in an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in the county, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of macadamized, graveled, or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, upon a vote of a majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon who are qualified electors of the county, and without the necessity of further or amendatory legislation. The county may levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on the bonds as it becomes due and to provide a sinking fund for redemption of the bonds."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1970, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing any county, on the vote of a majority of its qualified property taxpaying electors, to issue road bonds in an amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property in the county."

Adopted by the House on May 6, 1969: Yeas 132, Nays 7; passed by the Senate on May 29, 1969: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Signed by the Governor June 18, 1969.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—JUSTICES, JUDGES AND JUSTICES OF PEACE—REMOVAL, RETIREMENT OR CENSURE

H. J. R. No. 30

Proposing an amendment to Section 1-a, Article V, Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the removal, retirement, or censure of Justices, Judges, and Justices of the Peace under prescribed circumstances.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Subsections (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (11), (12), and (13), Section 1-a, Article V, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"(5) The Commission may hold its meetings, hearings and other proceedings at such times and places as it shall determine but shall meet at Austin at least once each year. It shall annually select one of its members as Chairman. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members. Pro-